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III. Remarks

A. Interview Summary

Applicants extend their thanks to the Examiner for granting the interview of February 28, 2005 in which agreement was reached as to the allowability of the Claims. Further, Applicants' representatives, Dr. Ivo Eggen, Dr. Marijke Hogenbirk, and William P. Ramey, III, discussed the Restriction Requirement of March 13, 2003 in the parent case, USSN 10/199,805. Agreement was reached to rescind that Restriction Requirement of March 13, 2003 as to Groups I-IV. Group V was not discussed.

In light of such agreement, Applicants are submitting this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment. This Supplemental Preliminary Amendment reclaims the subject matter of the originally filed case. This Amendment is intended to reclaim all previously cancelled subject matter, except for Group V subject matter, as referenced in the Restriction Requirement of March 13, 2003.

Applicants have cancelled Claim 47, directed towards a method for combinatorial synthesis of peptide libraries using the split and mix method, wherin the process of the invention is applied in line with the Restriction Requirement of June 16, 2004.

In line with the agreement, Applicants will elect species of the invention i) as to whether or not the scavenger is used for deprotection; ii) as between a thiol and an amine as the scavenger; and, iii) as an example of a suitable scavenger.

Further, in light of Applicant's continuing obligation to specify whether previously presented

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Claims 50-54 read on the elected species.

All Claims are now believed in a condition for allowance.

B. Response to the agreed Restriction of the Interview

In response to the Restriction Requirement of the Interview of February 28, 2005, applicant elect prosecution of Claims 28-46 and 48-54, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Additionally, Applicants choose the species as follows:

- i) wherein the scavenger is not used for deprotection;
- ii) wherein the scavenger is an amine; and,
- iii) benzyl β -alaninate or a salt thereof as an example of a suitable scavenger.

Applicants maintain their other species election from the Response to the Restriction Requirement of June 16, 2004, with traversal.

Applicant specifically states that previously presented Claim 50 does not read on the elected species. Further, Applicant specifically states that previously presented Claims 51-54 do read on the elected species.

If the Examiner should determine that any further requirement needs to be filled, Applicant

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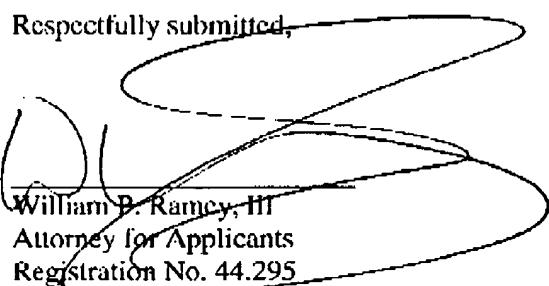
invites the Examiner to contact Applicant's attorney at (302) 934-4327.

IV. Conclusion

Should the Examiner have any questions, Applicants respectfully invite the Examiner to contact the Applicants' attorney, William P. Ramey, III, at 302-933-4034. The application is believed in a condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees and to credit any credits to deposit account no. 02-2334.

Applicant also petitions for an extension of time based from the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment of March 1, 2005. As such, Applicant petitions for a three-month extension of time, the fee for which should be charged to deposit account 02-2334. However, if the Office should determine that further fees are due or a greater extension of time is required, Applicant invites the Office to charge the required fee to the aforementioned deposit account.

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